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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 & 1.115

In response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the list that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the list that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.